

Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

San Diego, 1 July 1999,

Dear Governor Davis,

I have been informed that right now you have the opportunity to choose a smarter course for California's most important resource: water. I would like to urge you to chart this course through the CALFED Bay/Delta program, a plan for how to protect and use California's water resources for the next 50 years. A smarter course will guarantee healthy rivers, abundant wildlife, and ample clean water for our families, farms, and businesses.

I care about protecting our rivers, bays and drinking water, because without clean water, no life is possible. And living in southern California, where water is scarce anyway, this becomes even more important.

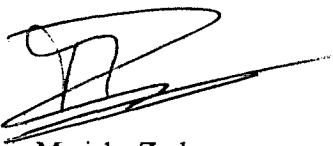
Therefore I urge you to ensure the CALFED program:

- * Invests in water efficiency for at least 7 years before even considering new dams or reservoirs. Why let clean water go down the drain, clean water on which tax money is spent for cleaning it, if there are simple solutions to save it?
- * Restores our rivers, bays and fisheries by providing adequate fresh water and caring for the land around our rivers. A lot of rivers are polluted with run-off from recently logged sites for instance. And untreated sewage spilling into our bays, pollute the ocean and
- * Improves water quality for people and wildlife by enforcing pollution limits. In San Diego untreated sewage regularly spills into the ocean, thereby threatening fish and swimmers' and surfers' health.
- * Stops making taxpayers pick up the tab for studies of new dams and reservoirs that flood valuable habitat and remove needed water from our rivers.

You as governor can impact important decision being made now on California's water future. Please use your influence to make California a better place to live for both wildlife, people and businesses.

I thank you for your kind attention to this serious matter and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



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